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FOR SECRETARY BUTZ, UNDER SECRETARY CASEY,
AMBASSADOR EBERLE, PETER FLANIGAN

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: EXPORT EMBARGO ON SOYBEANS

1. IN VIEW OF OBVIOUS EUROPEAN CONCERN ABOUT PRESENT
MARKET SITUATION, I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT THE ANNOUNCE-
MENT SCHEDULED FOR JULY 2 CONTAIN THE STRONGEST
POSSIBLE ASSURANCES THAT THE NEEDS OF OUR TRADITIONAL
CUSTOMERS WILL BE FAIRLY AND EQUITABLY FILLED IN ANY
EXPORT ALLOCATIONS. AS YOU KNOW, EUROPE NORMALLY
IMPORTS ROUGHLY 25 PERCENT OF ITS NEEDS IN THE COMING
3 TO 4 MONTH PERIOD. GREAT CONCERN HAS ALREADY BEEN
EXPRESSED AT THE TRIPLING OF THE PRICE IN THE PAST
YEAR. IT WILL BE PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT FOR US TO
BE ABLE NOT ONLY TO ALLAY FEARS ABOUT THE EQUITY WITH
WHICH WE ALLOCATE SUPPLIES BUT ALSO TO GIVE AS MUCH
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HARD INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE ON THE DURATION OF
ANY SHORTAGE, ON THE PRICE OUTLOOK, AND ON THE
SUPPLY SITUATION AND THE COMING HARVEST.

2. IN ADDITION TO THE JULY 2 PUBLIC STATEMENT,
AND PERHAPS JUST IN ADVANCE OF ITS RELEASE, YOU
MAY WISH TO CONSIDER A HIGH- LEVEL MESSAGE TO THE
EC COMMISSION AND MEMBER STATES WHICH MIGHT ADD
WEIGHT TO THESE ASSURANCES. SUCH A MESSAGE
MIGHT ALSO CONTAIN A SPECIFIC PROPOSAL FOR MEANINGFUL
CONSULTATION, PERHAPS INITIALLY THROUGH A MEETING
OF HIGH- LEVEL GOVERNMENT MARKET EXPERTS TO EXAMINE
JOINTLY THE SUPPLY COMMITMENT SITUATION FOR THE NEXT
5 MONTHS. GREENWALD

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